

## HE ENDS HIS LIFE BY TURNING ON GAS

Well-Known Hampton Man Commits Suicide, Ascribing It to Drink.

### WAS GAS COMPANY MANAGER

Business Had Gone from Bad to Worse, and Finally Been Put in Receiver's Hands.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 23.—It is the same old, old story. All men are not made of the same stuff. This brief message, scribbled upon a scrap of paper, was found in a pocket of W. C. Belford, who was taken in a dying condition from a rear room in the office of the Hampton and Phoebus Gas Company this morning.

J. A. Kelley and J. M. Murphy, employees of the company, upon entering the office discovered Belford, weak and gasping, on the floor near the gas radiator. A piece of tubing from which gas was coming was within a few inches of the man's head. A physician was hurriedly summoned, but life was extinct before he could arrive. Until yesterday Belford was manager of the Hampton and Phoebus Gas Company, and this week receivers were appointed. Yesterday Walter Whetstone, of Philadelphia, and S. J. Dudley, of Hampton, took charge of the office as receivers. Belford almost broke down when the receivers appeared, and nervously asked Mr. Whetstone to give him a private interview today. Mr. Whetstone says he has no knowledge of what Belford intended to say to him.

The receivers have not had time to examine into the condition of the company's business.

Belford is survived by a widow and daughter, with whom he lived in the East End. Mrs. Belford was prostrated by the news of her husband's suicide. She had nothing to say regarding the tragedy.

### ROBBERY IN WEST POINT

Jewelry, Watches, Snatched and Diamonds Stolen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WEST POINT, VA., January 23.—The jewelry establishment belonging to E. L. Smith was broken into and robbed last night between 10 and 11 o'clock. Mr. Smith closed his store at the usual hour and went further uptown to meet his wife, who was spending the evening out. On his return he found his show window smashed in with a brick and jewelry worth so far as he can estimate the value of \$175. Out of a tray of diamond rings, four ladies' rings containing small diamonds, were taken, and from many watches for gentlemen and ladies, three ladies' watches were selected. The window was broken in all kinds of jewelry, cut glass and bric-a-brac, but nothing else has been missed.

The store was in the business part of the town, and bright gas lights illuminated the streets, and people were passing to and fro in the street.

### LULA JOYNER NOT THERE

Girl Found With Gipsies Near Alexandria.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., January 23.—After following his former quest for missing girl, Joyner, among the gipsies, the Branch returned to-day and said Lula wasn't there. Branch says he found her, aged, respectively, two, four, nine and fourteen years, but inspection revealed no likeness to Lula.

Branch disclosed the published report from Alexandria that Marie Malone, the fourteen-year-old girl, child wife, is she. Branch said the gipsies, whom he talked with, were morose and uncommunicative.

### Mr. PIERCE'S BARN BURNED.

Large Quantity of Hay and Agricultural Implements Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LANCASTER, VA., January 23.—The barn of Mr. Joseph Pierce, one of the largest and most successful farmers in the Northern Neck, who resides near Lewington, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire started in a large quantity of hay and some agricultural implements, entailing a total loss of about \$10,000. Pierce's efforts on the part of Mr. Pierce and his neighbors saved his stables and other nearby outbuildings. Mr. Pierce is a brother of Mrs. W. Meade Clark, of Richmond.

### YARD CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Confused by Approach of Two Trains He Loses His Life.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., January 23.—Nathan Richards, forty-five years old, a conductor on the railway yards here, was run down and killed by an engine this morning. His body being mangled. It is thought he became confused by two trains approaching at the same time.

He is survived by his wife and three children. The body will be taken to Abingdon, Va., his former home.

### Mr. Sillings Makes Assignment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STANTON, VA., January 23.—J. H. Sillings, who has conducted a general merchandise store at Parsonage for many years and who has been successful for several years, has made an assignment to John M. H. Randolph, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are \$8,000 with assets stated as \$300 more than the liabilities.

### Dwelling in Fluvanna Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FORK UNION, VA., January 23.—Mr. A. L. Seay's dwelling house at Shores was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. The fire in some way originated on the second floor, where the family were at dinner. The house was insured in the Virginia Fire and Marine Company.

### Comes to His Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., January 23.—Hon. Henry S. Myers, member of the House

### Don't Neglect the Grip.

Get warm at once; bring about a free movement of your bowels, preferably by taking Hood's Pills—the only cathartic that is easy to take, easy to operate—and rid your blood of the grip poison, sharpen your appetite and regain your strength by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I Had the Grip, and was all run down, and did not have any strength. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I gave me great relief. We have implicit confidence in this medicine."

J. H. Knoedler, Trevorton, Pa.

General debility may arise from a variety of causes but weakness is always present, a tendency to perspire and fatigue easily, ringing in the ears, sometimes black spots passing before the eyes, weak back, vertigo, wakefulness caused by inability to stop thinking, and unrefreshing sleep. These conditions are simply a call for a blood tonic and builder.

Mrs. Lena May Brooks, Prairie Hall, Macon county, Ill., after several months of suffering finally found the right tonic in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She says:

"I suffered terribly from a general breakdown in health, was in bed for three months and after that was able to be up only part of the time. I was sick all over, being pale, weak and thin. My appetite was gone, my head ached most of the time, and often I would faint away."

"As the treatment I was taking did not help me, I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking a few boxes, I began to get well rapidly. I am now as well and strong as ever in my life."

**Dr. Williams' Pink Pills**  
For poor blood, loss of appetite, indigestion, Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

### PRETTY STENOGRAPHER STRAY.

Miss Delilah E. Watkins, of Alexandria, Mysteriously Disappears.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 23.—The police of this city and Washington have been requested to locate the whereabouts of Miss Delilah E. Watkins, a pretty eighteen-year-old stenographer, who disappeared from her mother's home, Mrs. Laura H. Watkins, No. 565 North Columbus Street, Monday last. Since that time no trace of her has been found. Her people are almost crazed with grief over her unexplained absence. No one has been assigned for her, and her disappearance has been the cause of much gossip, and was just made public to-day. All sorts of theories have been advanced, but up to the present time nothing definite has been heard from her. The police of this city and Washington, it is stated, are doing all in their power to locate the missing young lady.

### FARMER IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Permitting Unlawful Still on His Premises.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., January 23.—W. J. Byrd, a farmer of Holland, Nansemond county, was arrested to-day before United States Commissioner Stephenson on charge of permitting A. H. Butler to unlawfully operate a still on his (Byrd's) farm, and was admitted to bail to appear in the Federal Court February 13th. The charge is that Byrd is serving a term in the Suffolk Jail for the same offense, imposed in the State court. In the Suffolk trial Byrd turned State's evidence, and was not permitted to claim the benefit of the law. The still was being operated illegally.

### SAND-BAGGED AND ROBBED.

Saloon Keeper Near Norfolk Waylaid by Negroes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., January 23.—John Taylor, who owns a saloon on the waterfront, while on route from Cape View to Norfolk early this morning, was sand-bagged and robbed by two negroes. Only a small amount of money was secured. Taylor was found later in the day. He will recover.

### Verdict Is Set Aside.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 23.—In the suit of John D. Cullis vs. the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, in which the latter was held liable for the death of a child, the jury verdict was set aside. The case will be retried.

### Many Conversations in Fredericksburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 23.—Great crowds continue to attend the Baptist revival to hear Rev. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, who has been preaching for the past two weeks. Each night the number of those who have professed faith and will unite with the church is increasing.

### Monkhouse Captured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., January 23.—Interior Revenue Officer Safford and Dr. R. H. O'Connell, of the Roanoke Division, held up the wagon of F. M. Moran and G. L. Nichols, of Floyd, just as they were entering the city. The two men were carrying five five-gallon kegs of moonshine whiskey. The men were arrested and locked up for hearing to-morrow.

### Lawyer Christian Better.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., January 23.—John B. Christian, the well-known lawyer, who has been sick a long time, has regained consciousness and is considerably better to-night.

### Detention Charge Dismissed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 23.—The case of the detention of a negro, charged with the betrayal of Miss Hattie M. Dillard, of this city, was dismissed. A writ of habeas corpus was granted for want of jurisdiction.

## KILLS MAN AND HERSELF



MRS. MAY ROBERTS CLARK, who on Wednesday killed Frank Brady and then ended her own life in the crowded restaurant on the eighth floor of the Macy Department store.

## HOLDING HANDS WITH HIS WIFE

Serious Charge Brought by James Lee Against Patrolman Godfrey, of Norfolk.

### CHARGE INDIGNANTLY DENIED

Leo C. Thurman, Condemned to Die, Not Affected by Refusal of Court to Interfere.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., January 23.—Another spicy police sensation developed late last night, when James Lee, arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, charged that he had caught Patrolman Godfrey in his home holding hands with his wife. Lee snatched the club and met the patrolman from the table on which it was lying, and made a lunge for the second Precinct Station.

Lee was followed by Godfrey, but being seen by Patrolman Moran with a club and helmet, that officer tried to effect his arrest. Lee resisted, wishing, he declares, to carry what he had captured to the police, as evidence against the patrolman.

Mrs. Lee and Godfrey deny that they were holding hands. Godfrey claims that he had just entered the house, being called there, he thought, in the room of his duties. Lee declared that he had been informed that a policeman was visiting his home in his absence and that things were going wrong and that he had been watching for the opportunity to prove the report. He claims that at the proper time he will produce a friend whom he got to know Godfrey while in the house and that he was there fifty-five minutes before he reached the scene and interrupted them. He urges that he would have been indicted in shooting Godfrey. The case is set for trial Saturday.

It is announced to-day that the post-office will be closed to-morrow afternoon during the funeral of George E. Bowden, who was custodian of the building. The necessary permission was secured by Postmaster General First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

### Thurman Takes It Calmly.

Leo C. Thurman, convicted of the murder of Walter P. Doss, a marine, was not visibly affected to-day when notified that the Supreme Court of the State had refused to interfere in his case, and that he must pay the penalty of his crime on the gallows, probably the latter part of February, or early in March. He accepts the notice of his fate stoically, and is still engaged in writing what is believed to be a history of his life.

So soon as the papers in the case are received from the Supreme Court, with the refusal of a new trial noted, Thurman will be arraigned in the Corporation Court. The necessary permission was secured by Postmaster General First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

### AN ENJOYABLE DANCE.

Emporia Colling Club Gives Second German of the Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EMPORIA, VA., January 23.—The Emporia Colling Club danced its second German last night at the armory hall. The soiree was led by Hon. E. C. Turner, and was very enjoyable. Among the dancers were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodwyn, Misses Barrow, Smith, and Mrs. Ruth Turner. The Emporia Colling Club is a social organization of the city.

### TICKET-COUNTING MACHINE.

An Invention Which Promises to Be Useful to Railroads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, January 23.—Atchabald Piken, a clockmaker, of Norfolk, has invented two machines for the distribution and counting of railroad tickets and their proper registering, which were yesterday given a test by prominent railroad officials here and pronounced a mechanical triumph. The machine counts the tickets and registers mileage at the rate of 5,000 miles per minute.

# White Sale of Men's and Boys' CLOTHING

## Beginning To-Morrow.

Odd name for a clothing sale! Perhaps so. Entirely different from the names usually employed! But it applies to our sale, because it is different from the other kind. *White*—because legitimate, reasonable reductions. *White*—because a sale of merchandise made in clean, healthful workrooms. *White*—because of no change in our methods—money cheerfully refunded should your purchase be in any way unsatisfactory.

If you are a *cash-paying man*, investigate our claims. This ad. is an exact, explicit and accurate statement of what we have to offer you when you come.

## Suits

Plain and Fancy Cheviots, single and double-breasted styles; unexcelled values, at

Choice of some of the handsomest and most popular materials and colors shown this season; plain and fancy worsteds, chevrons, etc.

Bright, New Snappy Suits for men, in an endless variety of new patterns and colorings, exceptionally well tailored, single or double-breasted

Choice fabrics, selected from the highest standard mills, made up into garments that are second to none in style or workmanship

These are the highest grade Suits made for men; variety of patterns and fabrics. The kind you tailor would make single and double-breasted

Extra Special in Youth's Suits; sizes 16, 17 and 18; worth up to \$12.00

Good, Warm Ribbed Underwear in Blue or tan; garment—25c

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